

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 7, 2005.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that Claims 37 to 51 are allowed.

The Office Action entered a rejection of Claim 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,343,092 (Naoo). Claim 52 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of this rejection in an effort to obtain an earlier allowance of the subject application and to expedite issuance.

No other matters being raised, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

Attorney for Applicants
Michael K. O'Neill
Registration No. 32,622

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-2200
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200